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SUBJECT: INFORMAL IEA HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING

1. AT HEADS OF DELEGATION LUNCH DURING IEA GOVERNING BOARD IN TOKYO, DUTCH DELEGATE PROPOSED THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD HEADS OF DELEGATION BE HELD AT SOME POINT TO CONCENTRATE ON RELATIVELY SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUES. ROHWEDDER AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND SUGGESTED SUCH A MEETING BE HELD IN GERMANY ON JUNE 26-27. PURPOSE AS PUT FORWARD BY ROHWEDDER WOULD BE TO DISCUSS POSITION IEA MEMBERS SHOULD TAKE ON FUTURE OPEC PRICE INCREASES, DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH/SOUTH ENERGY DIALOGUE, AND ENERGY ISSUES LIKELY TO BE ADDRESSED AT BONN SUMMIT. TIMING WOULD PERMIT GOVERNING BOARD HEADS OF DELEGATION TO MEET AFTER UPCOMING OPEC MINISTERIAL AND PRIOR TO SUMMIT.

2. DANISH DEL ARGUED THAT MEETING OF IEA HEADS OF DEL SHOULD BE HELD AFTER SUMMIT WHEN THERE IS BETTER APPRECIATION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE IEA ACTION, AND SO AS TO AVOID ELICITING IDEAS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO SUMMIT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

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3. ROHWEDDER RESPONDED THAT HE SAW LITTLE DANGER OF THIS, AS HE EXPECTED NOTHING BUT A PRO FORMA DISCUSSION OF ENERGY AT SUMMIT AND, INDEED WOULD BE HESITANT TO INCLUDE ENERGY IN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. DANISH OBJECTION WAS ULTIMATELY WITHDRAWN ON UNDERSTANDING THAT INFORMAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING WOULD NOT BE IN PREPARATION FOR SUMMIT, BUT MIGHT BE OCCASION FOR IMPARTING INFORMATION TO NON-

PARTICIPANTS IN SUMMIT. MANSFIELD

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